Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2007. The Office Action rejected Claims 29-36, 38, 40-44, and 46-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 7,051,211 ("Matyas"). Claims 37, 39, and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of Matyas and U.S. Patent 6,104,815 ("Alcorn").

Applicant has amended independent Claims 29, 38, 44 and 49; claim 50 has been canceled. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the following remarks. Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claims 29, 38 and 44

Applicant has amended independent Claims 29, 38 and 44 to more clearly recite one aspect of the present invention. Amended Claim 29 recites that the encrypted first portion and the unencrypted second portion are unusable by the computing platform before decrypting the encrypted first portion. Amended Claims 38 and 44 recite that the first portion of the data product and the second portion of the data product are not usable before decrypting the first portion of the data product. These claims are not anticipated by Matyas because Matyas fails to disclose or suggest these claim elements.

Briefly, Matyas discloses a system for controlling the installation of software that uses encrypted and unencrypted portions. (*See* Matyas: column 8, lines 25-29). In the Matyas method, the software is distributed to the target processing system for installation. The installation process starts with the execution of the unencrypted portion of the software on the target processing system. During the execution of the unencrypted portion of the software, it is determined whether the client is authorized to install the software. If so, the encrypted portion is decrypted and the software is installed. (*See* Matyas: Figure 4, column 9, lines 5-13, 34-41).

Although Matyas discloses the encrypted portion and unencrypted portion, Matyas fails to disclose and teaches away from the recited limitations that the encrypted portion and unencrypted portions are not usable before decrypting the encrypted portion. In contrast, the unencrypted portion of Matyas is executed as an essential part of the installation process. Instead

of the uncrypted portion of Matyas being unusable before decrypting the encrypted portion, Matyas uses the unencrypted portion to decrypt the encrypted portion.

For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of independent Claims 29, 38 and 44 be withdrawn.

Independent Claims 49

Applicant has amended independent Claims 49 to more clearly recite one aspect of the present invention. Amended Claim 49 recites dividing the database into a first portion and second portion. The first portion comprising critical data selected from the group of: decompression parameters, indices and global data. The first portion and the second portion of the database are not usable before decrypting the first portion. Claim 49 is not anticipated by Matyas because Matyas fails to disclose or suggest these claim elements.

First, as discussed above, Matyas fails to disclose and teaches away from the recited limitations that the encrypted portion and unencrypted portions are not usable before decrypting the encrypted portion. Additionally, Matyas fails to disclose the critical data of the first portion comprising decompression parameters, indices or global data of the database. Rather, the unencrypted portion of Matyas comprises an executable program for determining whether the client is authorized to install the software.

For at least these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of independent Claims 49 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 30-37, 39-43 and 45-48

Applicant's dependent Claims 30-37, 39-43 and 45-48 are allowable at least for the reason that they depend upon allowable base claims. In addition, these claims include features that are not disclosed by the cited references.
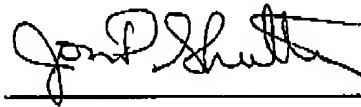
Conclusion

With the present response, all the issues in the Office Action mailed December 20, 2007 have been addressed. Applicant submits that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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